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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. BROWNLEY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 9, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JULIA BROWNLEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Create in us pure hearts, O God, and recreate within us this day new and steadfast spirits.

Be our judge. When we find ourselves caught up in the love of triumph, transform us. Redeem our appetite for fighting and winning. Beat the swords we wield against others into tools that, instead, carve out safe places for dialogue and collaboration.

Be our arbitrator. Disrupt our inclination to fight and win. Redeem our deep desire to conquer our adversaries and recast our spears into instruments that serve to reveal our best selves.

Be our guide. Teach us something other than conflict. Redeem our predisposition to demonize or demean the other and form in us habits of decency and civility, honor, and respect.

We surrender ourselves to this radical transformation and yield ourselves to the redemption that Your love offers us.

Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and grant within us a willing spirit that we would be sustained in our service to You in this time.

In Your sovereign name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. NORTON led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

DEMOCRATS CREATING NEW ECONOMY WITH RECORD JOBS

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, this month's job report gives Americans something to cheer about. Unemployment is down a full 2 percentage points under Democratic congressional and Presidential leadership since President Biden took office. The corollary to this impressive unemployment figure is the record 6 million jobs created, a record for a new President.

With the signing of the new transportation and infrastructure bill, more

jobs, for example, in my own district, the District of Columbia, are on the way—\$1.1 billion for roads and bridges.

Build Back Better promises even more economic dividends. Analysts say Build Back Better is the biggest cost-cutting bill for the middle class in modern American history. With costs down, job growth will be spurred.

Democrats are creating a new economy featuring record jobs for the American people.

HONORING THE PASSING OF CAROL JENKINS BARNETT

(Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the passing of Carol Jenkins Barnett.

Carol was the daughter of Publix Super Markets founder George Jenkins. She carried the mantle of generosity and philanthropy on behalf of the Jenkins family and Publix Super Market Charities, benefiting the residents of Lakeland, Polk County, the State of Florida, and beyond.

Carol had a remarkable love for her family and for the families of our community, advocating especially for children and early childhood education with her time and talent as well as her treasure.

She impacted so many people and so many communities in ways both seen and unseen. Quite simply, I have never known a more generous person than Carol Jenkins Barnett.

We will be praying for Carol's husband, Barney; their sons, Wesley and Nicholas; and their families as they mourn the loss of this exceptional woman.

Carol will be missed, but her legacy endures in the generations she has touched.

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